

## **ENGLISH PROGRAMS**

### **FY-2014 Multi-Regional Programs (MRP)**

**All MRP participants must speak fluent English, with a minimum ranking of 3/3 on the FSI scale**

#### **FIRST QUARTER**

**Project Title: Accountability in Government**

**Dates: November 4 - November 22, 2013**

This project is designed for government officials, business leaders, politicians, civic and community leaders, journalists and academics. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore transparency, ethics and best practices in government. Participants will examine the methods employed by the public sector to prevent corruption, encourage ethical leadership and transparency, and ensure accountability and responsibility to the public.

**Project Title: American Youth: Inspiring Leadership and Civic Participation**

**Dates: November 4 - November 22, 2013**

This project is designed for individuals, who work with and motivate young people to take active leadership roles in their respective communities, including educators, youth counselors, community leaders, and members of the media. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will provide opportunities for participants to meet with educators, NGOs, media organizations, governmental offices and community groups that encourage young people to participate in community-building activities and to look at the impact of youth leadership skills in civil society. The project will include hands-on volunteer activities and site visits to organizations that promote leadership, creativity, and responsible citizenship, primarily those spearheaded by young volunteers.

#### **SECOND QUARTER**

**Project Title: Film in the U.S.**

**Dates: January 6 - January 24, 2014**

This project is designed for film-makers, producers, screen-writers, broadcasters, distributors, academics, and technicians. Journalists who write on film and the arts may also be appropriate. This MRP will provide an in-depth examination of the U.S. film industry. Participants will be introduced to the great diversity of filmmaking in the U.S., from large Hollywood film productions to small independent films, television and

documentary film productions. Appointments will facilitate the exchange of creative ideas among international and U.S. film experts in order to promote long-term professional linkages.

**Project Title: NGOs and Civic Activism**

**Dates: January 13 - January 31, 2014**

This project is intended for individuals involved in managing non-governmental organizations and associations, including activists, community outreach coordinators, and fundraisers. Government officials, academics or members of the media whose responsibilities reflect the project objectives may also be appropriate. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore the vital role of the NGO sector in the U.S. and the relationship between non-profit organizations, local governments, the business sector, and communities. The project will introduce participants to a wide range of public service and advocacy organizations and the different methodologies used to develop and further their organizations' missions through public outreach, fundraising, technology, and volunteer recruitment, training, and retention.

**Project Title: Small Business Development**

**Dates: January 13 - January 31, 2014**

This Multi-Regional Project is designed for entrepreneurs, small business owners, government officials, and others promoting economic development and small business development. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will highlight the social, economic and political factors that influence and encourage the development of private enterprise and small or medium-sized businesses in the U.S. The project will provide examples of small businesses and will focus on the growth of business opportunities created by the Internet and the expansion of the global marketplace. Participants will explore the role of small business in driving economic development and examine U.S. efforts to promote small business development and innovation, both domestically and internationally.

**Project Title: Volunteerism in the U.S. Civic Leadership in Action**

**Dates: January 21 - February 7, 2014**

This project is designed for community leaders, including youth leaders and activists, NGO staff members and directors, academics, government officials and educators, and journalists whose responsibilities coincide with the project's goals. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will focus on volunteerism and community service in the United States and will provide a hands-on examination of the impact of volunteerism both on the volunteers themselves and the communities they serve.

Through visits to a range of non-profit organizations, foundations, faith-based organizations, community groups and corporations, participants will discuss best practices for volunteer recruitment, retention and management. Participants will examine how volunteers of all backgrounds and ages, especially young people, are inspired to help foster a culture of service and civic responsibility. The project will also look at the growth of social entrepreneurship in the U.S. and the impact of technology -- particularly social networking -- in developing new avenues for civic engagement and participation.

**Project Title: Children in the U.S. Justice System**

**Dates: January 27 - February 14, 2014**

This project is designed for judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers, social workers, and NGO leaders advocating for children's issues. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the juvenile justice system in the United States. Participants will explore family law and custody issues, including The Hague Abduction Convention. The project will provide opportunities to compare best practices in advocacy and protection of children as well as constructive approaches to addressing and rehabilitating juvenile offenders.

**Project Title: Accountability in Government II**

**Dates: February 3 - February 21, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, business leaders, politicians, civic and community leaders, journalists and academics. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore transparency, ethics and best practices in government. Participants will examine the methods employed by the public sector to prevent corruption, encourage ethical leadership and transparency, and ensure accountability and responsibility to the public.

**Project Title: The Role of NGOs in Promoting Global Women's Issues**

**Dates: February 24 - March 14, 2014**

This project is intended for managers and representatives of non-governmental organizations, community activists, and government officials involved in promoting women's issues. Posts are encouraged to nominate either women or men for this project. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the role of NGOs in addressing issues that affect women worldwide. Participants will discuss strategies used and the impact of the non-profit sector, in cooperation with government, in developing initiatives and programs that support women's political participation and economic opportunities, protect women's rights and support women's access to education and health care.

**Project Title: Women and Entrepreneurship**

**Dates: March 3 - March 21, 2014**

This MRP is designed for women entrepreneurs, business leaders, government officials, academics and economic journalists. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will illustrate the impact of women-owned businesses on the U.S. economy and explore the progress of women around the world in participating more fully in the global economy. Participants will discuss the social, economic and political factors that influence and encourage women as entrepreneurs and owners or managers of small, medium and large businesses. The project will include topics such as access to business capital, training and mentorship, markets and finance and will provide networking opportunities for participants in their specific areas of expertise and interest.

**Project Title: Broadcast Journalism**

**Dates: March 10 - March 28, 2014**

This project is for radio and television producers, on-line practitioners, program directors, journalists, editors, administrative personnel, professors of journalism, and commercial and educational media officials. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the history, structure, practices and trends in radio and television broadcast journalism and on-line journalism in the United States. Participants will discuss the role of radio, television and on-line as mediums that both influence and reflect American society. They will explore the past, current and potential contributions of broadcast and on-line journalism to the formation of an informed citizenry within a diverse, democratic, decentralized society.

**Project Title: Water Resources Protection in the U.S.**

**Dates: March 10 - March 28, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, academics, journalists and NGO representatives whose work focuses on policy and programs that promote water resource management and protection in their respective countries. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will focus on U.S. efforts to protect the shared water resources that are increasingly at risk around the globe from pollution and depletion of resources, population growth and industrial expansion, climate change and inadequate or disputed access rights. The project will assess regional and trans-boundary water management programs and discuss institutional, financial, scientific and technical innovations for safeguarding freshwater supplies. Participants will examine best practices in managing drinking water supplies and waste management in urban areas and vulnerable environments.

**Project Title: American Language: Connecting English Teachers to the U.S.**

**Dates: March 17 - April 4, 2014**

This project is designed for primary and secondary teachers of English as a Second Language and English as a Foreign Language, community English language instructors (both academically-trained, and volunteers), and English language instruction policy-makers. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will familiarize teachers with the methodology of U.S. programs that specialize in Teaching English as a Second Language. The project will provide participants with the opportunity to meet with American counterparts to discuss current curricula, trends and developments in the field, with an emphasis on the geographical and multicultural diversity of the U.S. The participants will interact with English language teachers and students in K-12 classrooms and exchange views on pedagogical methodology. The project will include attendance at the 2014 TESOL conference in Portland, OR (March 26-29, 2014).

**Project Title: U.S. Judicial System**

**Dates: March 24 - April 11, 2014**

This project is designed for judges, lawyers, academics, court administrators, and ministry officials. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the civil and criminal justice systems, the U.S. trial process, judicial reform, specialty courts and court management procedures, alternate dispute resolution, mediation, ethics, and judicial training.

**Project Title: Media Literacy: Promoting Civil Society through New Media**

**Dates: March 24 - April 11, 2014**

This Multi-Regional Project is designed for public and private-sector representatives responsible for developing social media platforms, journalists, media professionals, government officials and educators who teach and research social media. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will highlight a variety of new media and social networking tools and how they can be used to promote citizens' rights and responsibilities. The participants will explore how new media can promote transparency and accountability in the public and private sectors and how citizens may be educated to become discerning consumers of on-line content.

**Project Title: Science and Technology Education in the U.S.**

**Dates: March 24 - April 11, 2014**

The project is designed for elementary and secondary educators,

teacher trainers, administrators and officials from Ministries of Education and other professionals involved in educational policy-making. Participants must be fluent in English.

This MRP will include visits to key federal agencies and think tanks where participants will explore how the U.S. systems of education are organized and how curricula are implemented to improve math and science instructional practices. Participants will meet with scholars and observe scientific classroom instruction in a variety of public and private schools. The project will also explore public-private partnerships underway to accelerate student learning in Science, Technology, and Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects for students from diverse backgrounds.

### **THIRD QUARTER**

**Project Title: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

**Dates: April 7 - April 18, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, business leaders, attorneys, judges, consumer advocates, law enforcement officers, or media representatives concerned with protecting intellectual property rights. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will introduce participants to historical and current intellectual property rights concerns, from copyright, patents, and trademarks to the protection of domain names and other issues related to more recent controversies involving entertainment (music and video) distribution via the internet. The program will address specific intellectual property rights violations, as well as the law enforcement efforts both nationally and internationally that are underway to combat illicit activities that disregard standard IPR regulations worldwide.

**Project Title: Contemporary Challenges in Higher Education**

**Dates: April 14 - May 2, 2014**

This project is designed for post-secondary educators, university faculty and administrators of colleges and universities who have responsibilities for administering higher education in their countries. Participants must be fluent in English.

This MRP will examine the U.S. system of higher education through visits to a variety of colleges and universities and will include interactions with administrators, professors, and students. Meetings will address historical and contemporary perspectives, as well as current issues and challenges facing institutions of higher education. Innovative methods institutions use to meet these challenges will be explored.

**Project Title: International Security Issues**

**Dates: April 21 - May 2, 2014**

This project is designed for international security specialists, defense and foreign policy analysts, legislators, government representatives, intelligence officials, academics and representatives from research organizations directly engaged in national, regional and global security issues. Journalists are not eligible to participate in this project. Participants must be fluent in English. This two-week MRP will examine ways in which U.S. foreign policy intersects with the nation's security interests and the various viewpoints that influence its development and implementation. Meetings with foreign policy practitioners, national security experts, legislators, scholars, and American citizens will provide an overview of the complexities of U.S. national security policy and efforts to promote international cooperation to combat emerging security threats.

**Project Title: International Crime Issues**

**Dates: April 21 - May 2, 2014**

This project is intended for government officials, law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, academics, and other professionals interested in combating international crime. Journalists are not eligible to participate in this project. Participants must be fluent in English. This two-week MRP will examine current U.S. foreign policy objectives to solicit global cooperation against international crime. The project will explore the structure of the U.S. criminal justice system and U.S. responses to a range of international criminal activities, such as international terrorism, drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, border security and illegal immigration, money laundering, cyber security, and organized crime. The project will also address balancing law enforcement and security with protecting civil liberties and examine the impact of international crime on the political, economic and social stability of the global community.

**Project Title: Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation**

**Dates: April 21 - May 9, 2014**

This project is designed for environmentalists, representatives from ministries of natural resources or the environment, academics, environmental journalists and representatives of non-governmental organizations working on environmental protection and biodiversity conservation issues. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine U.S. efforts to protect species and habitat diversity through environmental laws and protection policies, scientific research, and environmental education. This project also will explore how local and regional land-use decisions and resource development practices influence

biodiversity.

**Project Title: Women and Justice**

**Dates: April 21 - May 9, 2014**

This project is intended for professionals in the legal field, including judges and attorneys, working on women's rights and access to justice as well as NGO leaders advocating for women's issues and the rights of women. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP is designed for professionals in the legal field, including judges and attorneys, as well as NGO leaders advocating for women's issues and the rights of women. The project will examine the American legal system and U.S. efforts to protect and strengthen women's rights. In addition to focusing on international cooperation designed to support women and strengthen rule of law around the world, this project will highlight strategies within the NGO community and at different levels of government to promote women's access to justice.

**Project Title: Museum Management in the U.S.**

**Dates: April 28 - May 16, 2014**

This project is designed for museum curators, directors, cultural historians, educators and government officials engaged in cultural preservation and museum programs. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore the wide range of initiatives currently underway in promoting and maintaining the vast number and many types of museums in the United States. Participants will visit a variety of museums (art, history, science, children's, ethnographic, and specialized collections) to meet with arts administrators, curators, exhibit designers, architects, educators, patrons and students to examine the current issues facing all those involved in the preservation and promotion of museum collections and the adaptation of museums' messages to all types of audiences.

**Project Title: Parks, Biodiversity and Ecotourism Management**

**Dates: May 5 - May 23, 2014**

This multi-regional project is designed for environmental officials, academics, and park and protected area managers. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will highlight U.S. strategies for managing national and state parks and other natural heritage sites. Participants will examine the U.S. national park and protected area management systems, trends in biodiversity conservation and wildlife management, and tourism standards and practices, and explore how communities provide input and support planning for tourism development. The project will examine the roles of governments and the private sector in biodiversity preservation, parks management, and tourism facility development.



**Project Title:** Change makers: The Impact of Social Entrepreneurs in the U.S.

**Dates:** May 5 - May 23, 2014

This project is designed for social entrepreneurs, as well as leaders of nonprofits and non-governmental organizations, foundations managers, government officials, and academics who help promote and advise social entrepreneurs. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the rise of social entrepreneurship in the U.S. and how innovation can drive social and environmental change. Social entrepreneurs identify social problems and apply market-based solutions to organize, create and manage ventures that engage the community to solve social problems. This project will focus on the concept of social entrepreneurship, as well as government initiatives that support civic engagement and innovation. Through examination of successful models of social entrepreneurship, the participants will explore the impact of new and social media on traditional methods of fundraising, grassroots mobilization and strategic collaboration.

**Project Title:** U.S. Foreign Policy and Human Rights

**Dates:** May 12 - May 23, 2014

This project is designed for human rights activists, government officials, foreign policy analysts and decision-makers, politicians, NGO officials, academics and journalists interested in developing a network of contacts in the United States and strengthening their understanding of human rights issues as it relates to U.S. foreign policy. Participants must be fluent in English. This two-week MRP will examine the human rights component of U.S. foreign policy and explore the efforts of public- and private-sector organizations that address international and domestic human rights issues. The project will illustrate strategies used by NGOs and federal, state and local government agencies to formulate, champion, and influence human rights policy in the United States.

**Project Title:** Promoting Social Change through the Arts

**Dates:** May 19 - June 6, 2014

This project is designed for arts professionals and youth and community activists involved in museums, theater, dance, music or arts promotion; arts educators; curators; Ministry of Culture officials; and journalists who promote arts and culture through their writing. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the arts and artistic expression in the United States as a vehicle for promoting social change in communities. Visits to established art centers as well as to smaller, community-supported arts programs will help to

illustrate the various ways in which the arts can convey identity, creativity, belief systems, and diversity and tolerance within American society.

**Project Title: Coastal and Marine Management in the U.S.**

**Dates: May 27 - June 13, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, academics, scientists, advocates from non-governmental organizations, and journalists involved in the protection and management of coastal and marine resources. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the complex network of institutions and advocates working to safeguard coastal and marine resources. Participants will discuss challenges of coastal zone management including marine pollution and marine debris, protection of coral reefs and other coastal and marine habitats, and development of marine protected areas. This project is designed for government officials, academics, scientists, advocates from non-governmental organizations, and journalists involved in the protection and management of coastal and marine resources.

**Project Title: Tourism and Economic Development**

**Dates: June 2 - June 20, 2014**

The program is intended for government officials at all levels, entrepreneurs and business owners, tourism specialists, economists and tour operators, or NGO leaders focusing on touristic themes. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will underscore the connection between the tourism industry and local economic development by examining strategies and incentives used to promote tourism nationally and regionally, looking at infrastructure and economic considerations necessary to support viable tourism, and fostering discussion on sustainable and responsible tourism. Project themes will encompass large and small scale ventures, covering cultural and family tourism to adventure and eco-tourism, and ways entrepreneurs and small businesses can successfully engage in the tourism industry.

**Project Title: Climate Change and Renewable Energy**

**Dates: June 2 - June 20, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, academics and representatives of NGOs engaged in developing climate change policies and mitigation programs, energy management or environmental advocacy. Journalists reporting on energy issues also may be appropriate. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore emerging U.S. policies and responses to climate change through discussions of advances in renewable energy technologies, economic and regulatory incentives, and changing patterns of energy use. The participants will examine

diverse governmental, industry and consumer perspectives on reducing carbon footprints and preparing citizens for climate-related economic and environmental impacts.

**Project Title: Urban Sustainability**

**Dates: June 9 - June 27, 2014**

This multi-regional project is designed for city planners, architects, local government officials, NGO stakeholders, and journalists reporting on urban environmental issues. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore innovative programs that address urban challenges such as air and water pollution, sanitation and waste management, and energy supplies. It will also focus on transportation and issues of local economic viability and social development. Participants will examine how 'smart' technology, green building design and other sustainable approaches to urban and regional planning can lower energy costs and mitigate environmental degradation, and how environmental and social factors have become major considerations in urban and regional planning and management in the United States.

**Project Title: Project Title: American Libraries**

**Dates: June 16 - July 4, 2014**

This project is designed for library professionals and academics. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore the role and functions of libraries and information specialists in American society. Participants will examine the wide variety of U.S. libraries and the information technology used by libraries, including on-line and digital services. Participants will attend the annual American Libraries Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Project Title: Investigative Journalism**

**Dates: June 16 - July 4, 2014**

This project is designed for investigative journalists, reporters and editors from print, TV, radio or web-based media, and for professors of journalism. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will illustrate the role of responsible investigative journalism in U.S. democracy and its mandate to inform the public on policy issues that affect government, local communities, business, the environment and society. Participants will explore the values and ethics that underlie investigative journalism and will examine the effects of investigative journalism on U.S. history, as well as on current politics and society.

**Project Title: Gender Identities and Human Rights in a Multi-Cultural Society**

**Dates: June 16 - July 4, 2014**

This project is designed for activists, legal experts, academics, government officials and others involved in developing human and civil rights laws, policies and programs. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will focus on raising global awareness and acceptance for the human and civil rights of people expressing diverse gender identities. The project will include discussions of legal and social mechanisms to gain and protect equal rights and access to employment and housing, education, and other societal benefits, including adoption and other family issues.

**Project Title: Cultural Heritage Preservation**

**Dates: June 30 - July 18, 2014**

This program is designed for cultural historians, anthropologists, social scientists, educators, museum curators and professionals involved in the identification and preservation of cultural heritage. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine the programs and policies involved in protecting tangible and intangible cultural heritage and cultural property rights in the U.S. Participants will explore research and conservation techniques, funding mechanisms and educational outreach efforts to protect unique and vulnerable cultural resources. Participants will visit museums, historical landmarks, national parks, community groups, schools, historical societies, and archival collections to discuss heritage preservation and management challenges with academic and public/private sector experts.

#### **FOURTH QUARTER**

**Project Title: Public Health Issues in the U.S.**

**Dates: July 7 - July 25, 2014**

This project is designed for public health officials, medical professionals, community and NGO leaders and journalists. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will highlight U.S. efforts to protect citizens from preventable, serious health threats by promoting wellness programs, disease prevention activities and preventive healthcare services. The project will foster understanding and international cooperation in sharing best practices for health management programs that help to prevent or minimize loss of life to illnesses that are common worldwide.

**Project Title: Youth and Community Conflict Resolution**

**Dates: July 14 - August 1, 2014**

This multi-regional project is designed for conflict resolution practitioners, academics, educators at the secondary and higher

education levels, counselors and administrators, community leaders and journalists. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will explore perspectives on conflict issues as they relate to youth, in order to gain a better understanding of how to promote a more stable and peaceful community by encouraging tolerance and developing proactive and positive methods to address community issues involving youth in conflict situations. Participants will examine the role of the arts in promoting tolerance, discuss conflict resolution in multi-ethnic and diverse communities, and explore a variety of mediation initiatives such as peer mediation and counseling.

**Project Title: Combating Trafficking in Persons**

**Dates: July 21 - August 1, 2014**

This project is designed for individuals engaged in the fight against trafficking in persons, including government officials, law enforcement officers, human rights activists and social service workers, as well as academics whose work addresses this global problem. Journalists are not eligible for this MRP. Participants must be fluent in English. This two-week MRP will examine the global problem of trafficking in persons, and methods and best practices to prevent trafficking in persons, including both prosecutions of traffickers as well as methods to prevent trafficking. Participants will explore initiatives to protect, assist and provide social reintegration of victims of trafficking.

**Project Title: U.S. Agricultural Trade and Food Safety**

**Dates: July 28 - August 15, 2014**

This project is intended for officials in government and the private sector, including trade specialists, economic policy makers, agricultural and food safety experts, as well as journalists covering agricultural trade issues. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP is intended for officials in government and the private sector, including trade specialists, economic policy makers, agricultural and food safety experts, as well as journalists covering agricultural trade issues. The project will examine the intersection of U.S. policies on international trade, sustainable agriculture, and consumer health and safety. The participants will explore how U.S. farmers and ranchers meet the complex economic and environmental challenges of providing low cost, high quality, and safe food products for both domestic consumption and international export. The project will analyze the political, social, environmental, and economic forces that influence U.S. agricultural trade policies and discuss how federal, regional and local programs for agricultural research, inspection, trade promotion and resource conservation help ensure U.S. agricultural competitiveness in the global marketplace.

**Project Title: U.S. Foreign Policy and Food Security**

**Dates: August 18 - August 29, 2014**

This program is designed for government officials, agriculture experts, development NGO leaders, and journalists. Participants must be fluent in English. This 2-week MRP will examine U.S. foreign policy priorities concerning the challenges of ensuring global food security. The program will examine the importance of sustainable agriculture and sustainable economic growth to reduce world hunger. This program will examine converging issues impacting global food security and the sustainable development strategies that address them. Through meeting experts and engaging in site visits, the delegation will examine how food security is intricately linked to global factors such as economic, environmental, energy, and political security.

**Project Title: U.S. Foreign Policy and Energy Security**

**Dates: August 18 - August 29, 2014**

This project is intended for government officials, political leaders, policy analysts, academics, NGO leaders and journalists involved in developing, interpreting, explaining and influencing policies on energy security. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will include meetings with policy makers, industry leaders, researchers and citizen activist groups to examine the energy security policy formulation process in the U.S., as well as the impact of security threats to global energy markets. Participants also will discuss the development of alternative energy supplies and other strategies for energy independence.

**Project Title: Project Title: U.S. Trade Policy**

**Dates: August 25 - September 12, 2014**

This project is designed for economic and trade specialists, policy planners, business persons and entrepreneurs, legal specialists, academics, and journalists reporting on economic and business issues. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will examine U.S. trade interests, policy and institutions, and the political, economic, social and cultural factors that affect U.S. trade policy. The project will focus on efforts at the federal, state, local and private industry levels to increase American competitiveness in the global marketplace and the role of the U.S. in international trade agreements.

**Project Title: NGO Management in the U.S.**

**Dates: September 1 - September 19, 2014**

This project is designed for NGO managers, community leaders, and

activists. Government officials with responsibility for developing the NGO sector may also be appropriate. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will highlight the role of the non-profit sector in U.S. society and the ways that non-governmental organizations promote democracy and civic engagement. Through visits to non-profit organizations, professional associations, federal agencies, foundations and public service organizations, participants will examine the role of public-private partnerships in the U.S. They will also explore innovative non-profit management strategies, including strategic planning, use of social media and new technology, fundraising, board development, and effective use of volunteers.

**Project Title: Project Title: Volunteerism in the U.S.: Civic Leadership in Action II**

**Dates: September 8 - September 26, 2014**

This project is designed for community leaders, including youth leaders and activists, NGO staff members and directors, academics, government officials and educators, and journalists whose responsibilities coincide with the project's goals. Participants must be fluent in English. This MRP will focus on volunteerism and community service in the United States and will provide a hands-on examination of the impact of volunteerism both on the volunteers themselves and the communities they serve. Through visits to a range of non-profit organizations, foundations, faith-based organizations, community groups and corporations, participants will discuss best practices for volunteer recruitment, retention and management. Participants will examine how volunteers of all backgrounds and ages, especially young people, are inspired to help foster a culture of service and civic responsibility. The project will also look at the growth of social entrepreneurship in the U.S. and the impact of technology particularly social networking in developing new avenues for civic engagement and participation.

**Project Title: Women Leaders: Promoting Peace and Security**

**Dates: September 8 - September 26, 2014**

Participants should include women who are community activists, elected officials, academics in women's studies, educators, and representatives of organizations devoted to preparing women for leadership roles. Women who are involved in peacemaking, conflict resolution, and community-based conflict mediation are particularly welcome. Participants must be fluent in English. This project is part of a special initiative that includes women from around the world. It will focus on how women advocate for peace, promote stability and improve security conditions in their communities. The project addresses women's leadership opportunities by exploring ways in which they can lead in conflict mediation and community transformation. This project

supports the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (2011), which calls for the empowerment of women as equal partners in preventing conflict and building peace in countries threatened and affected by war, violence, and insecurity. Meetings and site visits will highlight women leaders and organizations actively engaged in mediating conflicts and disputes arising from political, socioeconomic, ethnic, religious, and regional differences. In addition, this project will familiarize the visitors with strategies for directing positive political, social and economic change in a democratic society. Through meetings, workshops and roundtable discussions, the group will examine essential leadership skills needed to balance divergent social demands and interests when confronting political, social, and economic challenges.

**Project Title: U.S. Foreign Policy: The Decision Making Process**

**Dates: September 15 - September 26, 2014**

This project is designed for government officials, foreign policy analysts and decision-makers, politicians, scholars and journalists who are interested in strengthening their understanding of U.S. Foreign Policy. Participants must be fluent in English. This two-week MRP will examine how the U.S. international affairs community is structured and how policies are formulated and implemented under diverse and dynamic influences. Participants will meet with representatives from the public and private sectors who are instrumental in the foreign policy cycle and will hear from the Executive and Legislative branches about decision-making dynamics.

**Project Title: Education and Activism for Young Women**

**Dates: September 15 - October 3, 2014**

This project is intended for NGO leaders, educators, and volunteers who work with young women to develop their leadership skills and encourage them to take more active leadership roles in their communities. This MRP will explore the benefits and challenges of developing women's leadership skills in American civil society and allow participants to share perspectives on how this is done in their home countries. The project will include volunteer activities and site visits to service organizations across the U.S. that promote leadership, skill building and responsible citizenship for girls and young women, particularly those spearheaded by women leaders.